

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
September 17, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott welcomed all new and returning Governing Council Members. Governing Council Members introduced themselves. Scott reviewed how to use the blue Rep folder.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the May 14, 2019 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Beth Ford. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the May, June, July, and August 2019 Treasurer's reports. Todd presented the trial balance through August 31, 2019. A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Julie Wolf and seconded by Howard Dutton. The motion was approved by all.
 - Todd made a motion to move \$5000.00 from the checking account to a money market account. The motion was seconded by Wendy Passero. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summaries from the May 16, June 20, July 9, and August 15, 2019 Board of Education Meetings. The next Board of Education Meeting will be September 19, 2019 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate announced that we welcomed approximately 20 new members at the new member breakfast in August. Kate announced that we are still in the process of signing up new hires. Kate explained that there is a new category on the NYSUT membership form called "engaging and enrolling new members". WITA will be tracking that information in order to better serve our members. Scott thanked Kate for all of her work with WITA membership.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there are currently no grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced that WITA will continue to offer Dunkin' Donuts gift cards to new members who donate a minimum of \$0.50 per paycheck during the new member breakfast.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
 - Tammy reported that there will be many opportunities for members to participate in political/legislative action this year. Scott thanked Tammy for her work as chairperson of this committee.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott announced that Jane Beamish will be attending the NYSTRS delegate's meeting on November 3-4, 2019. Scott reminded all members of the importance of updating beneficiaries if you have had a significant life change.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that the PTSA is grateful for all those who purchased calendars. Scott thanked Maureen for attending PTSA meetings.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott reviewed the WITA goals for 2019-2020.
 - Scott reviewed the different hand-outs in the blue Rep folder: important dates, list of reps, dues break-down, and a copy of the WITA Constitution.
 - Scott reviewed Faculty Meeting announcement protocol, and reminded VPs and Communication Reps to make sure members not present at Faculty meetings also receive that information.
 - Scott announced the fall lunch visit schedule.
 - Scott still needs Master Schedules from all buildings except Iroquois and Rogers. Scott needs member/rep break-downs from IHS and Dake.
 - Scott has NYSUT calendars for any members interested.

- Scott has Labor Film Series Tickets for any members interested.
- Scott encouraged members to join PTSA if they have not already.
- Scott announced that the WIF Cornhole Tournament is scheduled for September 28, 2019. A motion to spend \$300.00 to register teams for the tournament was made by Tami Graham, and seconded by Kelly Mankowski. The motion was approved by all.
- Scott announced that there will be a reception on October 15, 2019 at 3:30 in the IHS small cafeteria for all new Paraprofessionals and Nurses, as well as tenured Teaching Assistants. Scott asked all VPs and Communication Reps to hand deliver invitations to those involved. Scott asked that all Governing Council Members plan to attend.
- Scott announced that the WITA is now required by the State to have a Sexual Harassment Policy. Scott presented and distributed the policy to the Governing Council. A motion to approve the policy as presented was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Emily Copp-Allard. The motion was approved by all.
- Scott announced that the WITA is currently working on an MOA concerning how members will be compensated for using planning time in order to complete the on-line Sexual Harassment, Blood-Borne Pathogens, and Right-to-Know training. More information will be forthcoming from Scott via home email.
- Scott announced that he, Tammy Jaynes, Julie Wolf, Noreen Crouse, and Howard Dutton attended the NYSUT Regional Summer Conference.
- Scott announced that the first Negotiation Team Meeting will be held on October 2, 2019.
- Kate announced that the first WITA Social Event of the year will take place on October 11, 2019 at 3 Heads Brewing. More information will be coming soon.
- Scott announced that the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is on October 20, 2019. More information will be coming from Chairperson Tammy Jaynes.
- Scott announced that the NYSUT Regional Fall Conference will be held on November 2, 2019. Please register via the email link from Scott before September 27, 2019 if interested in attending.
- Scott announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be held on May 19, 2020. Dake is hosting this event.
- Scott asked that members please email him or Kim Sklenar any Wedding or Birth announcements to be included in the next issue of The Scoop.
- Scott will meet with Dr. Johnson on September 20, 2019.

XII. Building Issues: Two building issues were discussed.

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- New Probationary Teacher Recognition at BOE meeting on September 20, 2019 at 7:00 at Dake
- WIF Cornhole Tournament on September 28, 2019 at 3:00 at Camp Eastman
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting on October 1, 2019 at 3:30 at WITA Office
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting on October 2, 2019 at 3:30 at WITA Office
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships on October 4, 2019
- WITA Governing Council Meeting on October 8, 2019 at 3:30 at IHS Faculty Cafeteria
- NYSUT ED 5/6 Meeting-Comedy at The Carlson on October 9, 2019 (Time TBD-registration required)
- WITA Social Event on October 11, 2019 at 3 Heads Brewing (Time TBD)
- New Para and Nurse and TA Tenure Reception on October 15, 2019 at 3:30 at IHS Campus Center
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 20, 2019 at Frontier Field
- NYSUT Regional Fall Conference on November 2, 2019 at Woodcliff Hotel and Spa (registration required)

XIV. A motion to adjourn was made by Howard Dutton and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary